

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	No. 23-05038-01-CR-SW-RK
	)	
EDWARD STERLING HETHERINGTON,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY**

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me pursuant to Rule 11, F.R.Cr.P., 22(k)(26), WDMO, and 28 U.S.C. §636, and has entered a plea of guilty to Counts One and Three and admitted to Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment filed on November 14, 2023. After cautioning and examining the Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, I determined that the guilty plea was knowledgeable and voluntary, and that the offense charged is supported by a factual basis for each of the essential elements of the offense. I therefore recommend that the plea of guilty be accepted and that the Defendant be adjudged guilty and have sentence imposed accordingly.

Date: January 8, 2024

/s/ David P. Rush  
DAVID P. RUSH  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE

Failure to file written objections to this Report and Recommendation within 14 days from the date of its service shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking such Report and Recommendation before the assigned United States District Judge. 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(B).